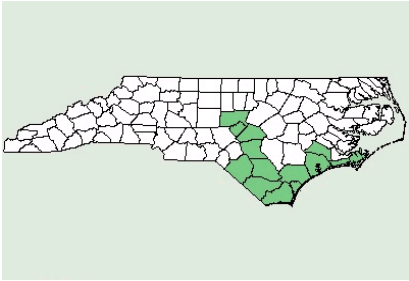


RED BUCKEYE

Aesculus pavia

AKA Red Horse Chestnut, Damask Horse chestnut.



Description: Large deciduous shrub or small tree. Its one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring. The new foliage has a reddish tinge and in the fall is yellowish but the leaves drop quickly. It has attractive shiny, dark green leaves in the spring that are palmately compound and showy fruits. Showy, erect, 4 to 10 inch tall panicles of red to orange-red, narrow-tubular

flowers appear in spring.

Natural Habitat: Along river bluffs, stream borders, swamps, and on flood plains.

Conservation Status: Kentucky - threatened

Size: 10 - 20 feet tall; spread 10 - 20 feet

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: sun to part shade

Planting and Care: Prefers moist, well drained soil. Dislikes dry soil. Red Buckeye foliage tends to scorch in hot dry conditions and appreciates some afternoon shade in hot summer climates.

Ornamental Value: Planted as a handsome ornamental for the showy red flowers, suggesting firecrackers

Landscape Usage: Ideal for screen or hedge.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Native American Indians used crushed branches from this tree and other buckeyes to drug fish in order to make them easier to catch. Soap may be obtained from the roots and a black dye from the wood.

Wildlife Benefits: Attracts hummingbirds and bees.

HIGHLY TOXIC, MAY BE FATAL IF EATEN!